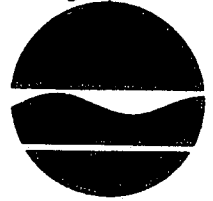


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Mr. George Pavlou
Acting Director
Emergency and Remedial
Response Division
United States Environmental
Protection Agency
Region II
26 Federal Plaza
New York, New York 10278

Dear Mr. Pavlou:

Re: HBSA Industries, Inc.
Request for Emergency Removal

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) hereby requests the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to perform an appropriate CERCLA emergency response at the five locations listed in the enclosed report where various amounts of hazardous materials have been abandoned due to the pending liquidation of HBSA Industries under Chapter 7 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

The enclosed information includes the following:

1. HBSA Industries' Chapter 7 Stipulation.
2. The stabilization work plan for the previously completed actions at each of the five locations by ERM and Enviro Clean Northeast, marked Exhibit A.
3. A detailed inventory of the materials presently staged at each location with site maps, marked Attachment A and B.
4. Analytical information marked Attachment C.
5. Copies of manifests for materials removed from the locations during July 1992, marked Attachment D.



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Although these materials have been contained and staged we feel that they pose a potential threat to both the environment and public safety due to the pending liquidation of HBSA.

It may be possible to recover the cost of this action by being listed as a creditor in the bankruptcy action if such action has not yet been completed. The New York State Attorney General's office is looking into this possibility.

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Rockmore of my staff at (518) 457-9280.

Sincerely,



Michael J. O'Toole, Jr.

Director

Div. of Hazardous Waste Remediation

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cc: w/enc.: Mr. Zachos - EPA, Region II, Edison, New Jersey
w/o enc.: Mr. Salkie - EPA, Region II, Edison, New Jersey